## **WO**JDROW WILSON IS FIRST CHOICE OF CONVENTION

Preferential System of VotingPuts HimAhead on Test.

JUSTICE HUGHES CLOSE SECOND

Municipal League Gets Explanation of Plan by Which Socalled Primary Evils Are Eliminated-Dr. Levy Talks on Local Health Problems.

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# THREE HUNDRED ATTAFT LUNCHEON

City to Entertain President at Jefferson Hotel on Monday.

HENRY ANDERSON TOASTMASTER

Distinguished Guests Will Motor in Afternoon to Seve., Pines. Address at Road Congress in Morning and Speech to University Alumni at Night.

Pleas for the entertainment of President William H. Taft on the oc-casion of his visit to Richmond next Monday were perfected last night at the special request of the President. At 7 o'clock the President will attend the annual banquet and reunion of the University of Virginia alumni at the Commonwealth Club, returning to Washington later that night.

Spends Afternoon Here.

she included such heavyweights as and included such heavyweights as a chargement for the stay of the president M. La Follette. Woodrow Wilson, William Jennings Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt. President Taft was not on the slip. The delegates were asked to pick their favorite for some high administrative office, and to indicate their second and third choice, as provided for by the specific form of ballot under discussion.

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### FELON'S STRIPES ACCEPTS BURDEN INSTEAD OF FINES

Proposed for "Trust Criminals."

BILL DRAFTED BY HENRY, OF TEXAS

He Proposes That Congress Shall Legislate Out of Sherman Law Supreme Court's "Rule of Reason," and Make It Dangerous to Restrain Trade.

Washington, D. C., November 15,-

the Judiciary Committee.

Representative Henry, who has been conferring with Representative Clayton, chairman of the committee, and other Democratic leaders, completed the draft of the proposed changes in the much-discussed statute to-day. In explaining his bill, Representative Henry declared that actual imprisonment of great industrial offenders was essential to a cure for the

and consulted the President as to his wishes in the matter. Mr. Taft was given his choice of a quiet afternoon of golf at the Country Club or a luncheon, at which many of the paminent men of Richmond will be present.

Reminding Mr. Dabney of former occasions when he had been pleasing antly entertained in Richmond, the president chose the latter and indicated that if it were possible he would edisire to visit one of the battlefields near the city. When here last year he was taken over the field of Yellov Tavern, expressing the greatest interest, and in view of its proximity, it was agreed that he should visit the field of Seven Pines.

Luncheon Limited to 300.

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Drastic Punishment is Yuan-Shi-Kai Will Take Up Premiership To-Day.

> HOPES TO CREATE ORDER FROM CHAOS

Will Allow Revolutionary Provinches to Keep Their Independence Until They Can Be Won Back to the Throne Peacefully-Rebels Again Demand Abdication.

Yuan-Shi-Kai has accepted the premiership and will assume office probably to-day (Thursday). Yesterday's sion of thanks from Yusn-Shi-Kal to the throne for his appointment, but the truth is that he did not undertake the task without receiving guarantees that he would have practically a free hand in conducting affairs while he retained his official position.

The new Premier yesterday received several foreign ministers, including the United States Minister to China, William J. Calhoun, who only recently returned here. In conversation with a foreigner, Yuan-Shi-Kai said with a foreigner, Yuan-Shi-Kai said

cently returned here. In conversation with a foreigner, Yuan-Shi-Kai said he intended to form a Cabinet 'mmediately and endeavor to carry on the government by gaining the support of as many provinces as possible, allowing the remainder to retain their independence for the time being. It would be his endeavor also finally to win back their allertees. back their allegiance to May Retire to Jehol.

Another important development he capital was the issuance of summer residence of the Emperor is summer residence of the Emperor is situated, in place of Hu-Ting, the Tar-tar general. This appointment has led to the belief in certain quarters that the court may retire to Jehol, leaving Yuan Shi Kaj as chief executive until the opportunity arrives for the court to reassume a measure of authority province. His acceptance of this office is in accordance with the government's advice, and several other vice-roys have gone with the people in the hope of influencing the provinces later to renew their allegiance. The provincial assembly of Chi-Li has adopted a memorial to the throne in favor of the establishment of a republic, with Yuan-Shi-Kai as president.

Wu Ting Fang, secretary of foreign affairs in the provincial government

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Wu Ting Fang, secretary of foreign affairs in the provincial government of Shanghal, and other noted reformers have sent a telegram to the American charge d'affaires here, asking the goel offices of the United States in connection with the delivery of a demand for abdication.

Urge His Abdication.

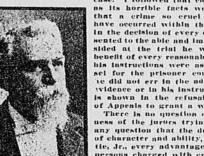
The telegram, dated November 11, reads: "Kindly deliver personally the following to His Highness, the regent, informing him that further conflicts between the imperials and the people will cause needless bloodshed. If His Majesty abdicates we shall endeavor to afford safety to the court and protection to their property.

"To the Regent: Your manifesto, acknowledging guilt has been published, but the murder of the people continues more widescread the

### BEATTIE REFUSED RESPITE; GOVERNOR SAYS HE MUST DIF

#### **GOVERNOR BELIEVES** BEATTIE IS GUILTY

While I sympathize very profoundly with the father of H. C. Beattle, Jr., and would be gled to help him if I could do so with proper regard for the public interests, I cannot, with any consideration for these interests, interfere with the due execution of the sentence of the court in the Beattle



mutation of his sentence to imprisonment for life. In the administration of the duties of my office I am not required to consider the wisdom of legislative cunetments, but am required to see to it that the eriminal laws are executed, unless there shall be some facts or circumstances arising since the actin of the court, or some important evidence existing but not presented to the court, tending to create in the mind of a reasonable man a substantial doubt as to the guilt of the prisoner. I do not think the affidavits of Paul Beattic, printed in the papers, or any other evidence or consideration brought to my attention, sufficient for that purpose. Nor do I question the wisdom—I might add, the necessity—of capital punishment in eases where buman life has been wickedly and deliberately taken. On the contrary, I believe that this punishment is necessary for the protection of society, and if on a jury would not hesitate in a proper case to agree to a verdict requiring life for life.

I have given this expression of my views in order that the people of Virginia may understand that I will not interfere with the verdicts of juries and judgments of courts punishing criminals unless it shall plainly appear to me that great injustice will be done by the execution of the judgments.

I have been asked to respite the prisoner and to allow him thirty days at least from the decision of the Supreme Court. His appeal to the court was his own act, taken to avoid the judgment of the court of his own county, based on the verdict of his fellow citizens constituting the jury, and, I must think, with the purpose, if possible, of avoiding the consequences of a crime of which he knows he is guilty. Although counsel for the convicted man have exercised all diligence, to grant a respite in so plain a case would be to set a precedent which I would be called upon the follow, would be to temporize with the inv and to encourage appeals to the Supreme Court with the sole purpose of gaining time.

I believe the beat way to prevent such crimes

# KILGO PRESIDING WILL BATTLE HARD

Under His Guidance Methodists Government Hopes to Defeat Transact Great Amount of Business.

APPOINTMENTS DISCUSSED HEARING

Latham, of Centenary Church, Is Slated for Lynchburg Pastorate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Salisbury, Md., November 15.—The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual

Them in Latest Legal

COMES

Whatever Decision of Judge Kohlsaat, Appeal Will Be Made to Supreme Court.

government will strenuously oppose

Condemned Man Will be Executed on Friday, November 24.

#### NEWS CONVEYED BY MINISTER

Rev. Benjamin Dennis Tells Beattie of Governor's Decision. Executive Convinced Appeal Was Taken Merely to Postpone Judgment-Declines to Set Precedent.

No earthly hope remains to Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. He will be taken to the death chamber in the State Pentextreme penalty of the law has outraged. For him t the prayer of Judge Walter A.

cision reached by him shows that it would be an affront to the Governor to present to him an additional plea, unless based on evidence which is unknown at this time. He leaves no loophole, evidently being determined to avoid demands upon his time and his sympathies in the face of his convictions, and of his immutable decision not to interfere with the due and orderly execution of the mandates of that law which he is in office to enforce.

positive denial of an error writ by the Supreme Court of Appeals of VIrginia.

Besides, he has seen the Paul Beattle affidavit, secured from somebody, in Washington. He has read this paper carefully, and has deliberately made up his mind that it is unworthy of consideration in connection with an appeal for elemency.

The attorneys who have fought so vigorously and so faithfully for the life of their client can do nothing more, save only in the exceedingly remote possibility of the production of new and material evidence. They have exhausted every tribunal, judicial and executive. They have made every point which their decisions and precedents of Virginia pleadings and practice have suggested. There is nothing more to do.

"Knows He Is Guilty."

Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., took his appeal to the Supreme Court, the Governor is convinced, "with the purpose, if possible, of avoiding the consequences of a crime of which he knows he is guilty." Nothing could be more expressive of the attitude of Governor Mann in the case. The verdict of the jury, to his mind, was unquestionably correct. He has seen or heard nothing since the day when the fateful word "Guilty" fell from the lips of the clerk in the little courthouse of the cierk in the li

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